



Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$5,000 in grant funding from the California State Library in crisis collection funding to address the increased demand for e-resources as library buildings are closed and approving Budget Amendment 20.045. (*Valerie Sommer, Library Director*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution accepting funds from the California State Library in the amount of \$5,000 to support the purchase of e-resources in high interest areas for the Library's virtual collection and approve Budget Amendment 20.045.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Responding to library closures due to COVID-19, the California State Library provided a grant opportunity for libraries to build their electronic collections. Libraries that are experiencing an increase in demand for e-materials were encouraged to apply. On March 20, 2020, the Library Department applied for crisis collection funding from the California State Library, requesting funding at the highest level offered for this grant opportunity. On May 18, 2020, the Library Department was notified of a grant award for \$5,000 to expand the collection in high interest items, including e-books and e-audiobooks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds will be used to amend the Library Department's current FY19-20 Operating Budget per Budget Amendment 20.045. Funding must be spent by the end of this fiscal year. Receipt of these funds does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Acceptance of this grant will contribute to the City's Strategic Plan under Priority #2: Improved Quality of Life, by supporting e-resources for South San Francisco residents during Library building closures.

CONCLUSION

Receipt of these funds will enable the Library to expand the e-resource collections. It is recommended that the City Council accept the \$5,000 in funding to support the expansion of the Library's e-resources collections and amend the Library Department's FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget per Budget Amendment 20.045.